

Protect Agriculture – Help Prevent Agroterrorism!

Agroterrorism is a form of terrorism that poses a serious threat to our food supply and related economy. Protection of farms, animals, animal products and crops is therefore very important. Below are some ways to improve biosecurity on farms and other similar settings.

Secure Your Farm

- Keep buildings and gates locked when not in use.
- Limit access to your farm to one gated road.
- Require visitors to check in. Restrict visitors from animal areas unless it is necessary (such as veterinarians or state/ federal inspectors). Keep a record of all visitors (such as a log book).
- Perform background checks of new employees.

Prevent the Spread of Exotic Animal Diseases

- All employees, including the owner, must practice good hand washing before and after animal area visits. Contact your local health department for more information.
- Provide coveralls and disposable/rubber boots for all visitors that visit animal areas to prevent exotic animal diseases on your farm. Keep these items at the farm for cleaning.
- Isolate all new animals to ensure that they are disease free before allowing them to mix with existing animals. Consult your herd veterinarian.

Keep an Eye Out for Suspicious Activity

- Non-registered visitors.
- Designate driving and parking areas on your farm. Vehicles that are not in designated driving and parking areas should be monitored.
- Contact your local police department, veterinarian (local and state) or the state (Department of Trade Agriculture and Consumer Protection) if need be.
- Isolate animals that may have had contact with intruders. Also check for tampering of animal products (such as milk).
- Monitor animals until authorities arrive.

Stay Informed!



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